



# MCDOT NEWS

News from the Montgomery County Department of Transportation, Division of Highway Services

## Airpark Business District Concrete Repair Project

Concrete Sidewalk, Curb and Gutter Repairs to Begin Soon

### INTRODUCTION

This newsletter is to inform you of the upcoming roadside concrete sidewalk repair and replacement project along Snouffer School Road, from Woodfield Road (MD 124) to Earhart Court, and to describe the process.

### BACKGROUND

The Montgomery County Department of Transportation (MCDOT), Division of Highway Services (DHS) is responsible for maintaining nearly 5,200 lane-miles of streets and highways in Montgomery County. MCDOT conducts routine inspections of roads including adjacent sidewalks and curbs in an effort to maintain its transportation and pedestrian infrastructure. As a result of such inspections, MCDOT programs replacement of defective sections of sidewalk and curb to ensure structural integrity, proper drainage (slope) and to address possible tripping hazards. The replacement work is determined by experienced inspectors that observe the following criteria:

- Significant spalling or exposed aggregate
- Single cracks over 1/4" in width
- Multiple cracks
- Temporarily patched sections
- Grade differentials

Since concrete replacement schedules are based on a 20-year cycle, it is also important for MCDOT to perform some preventive maintenance while

working in the area.

*Our field inspectors have found a common problem in this area. Our intent is to repair the sections of deteriorated and/or sunken sidewalk in front of most businesses. We will make needed repairs at other locations, should it be warranted, but the main purpose is to eliminate the sections of sidewalk that are holding water and the trip hazards.*

### SCHEDULE

This project is expected to start during July/August 2015 and will take approximately 2 to 3 weeks to complete, weather permitting. All construction work will be scheduled between the hours of 7 am and 5 pm, Monday through Friday.

### PROJECT WORK PLAN

Generally, the work will proceed as follows:

1. Conduct field surveys to specifically identify areas of sidewalk and curb in need of repair or replacement. Areas to be repaired or replaced will be marked with bright pink spray paint.
2. Remove and replace damaged sections of sidewalk, curb and gutter. This work activity will also ensure that curb ramps comply to Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards to

ensure access to all homes and businesses.

3. Restore disturbed areas with soil, grass seed and straw mulch.

### IMPACTS

Continuous traffic will be maintained at all times utilizing alternate one-way traffic patterns, when necessary. However, minor traffic delays may be experienced as traffic is safely directed through the work zone. Please follow pedestrian detour signs if walking through the project area.

This project may necessitate temporary lane closures and temporary parking restrictions. Signs will be posted in advance identifying such restrictions. Access to homes and businesses will be available at all times, however minor delays may be experienced as workers reposition machinery or materials.

This type of comprehensive neighborhood system preservation project is generally characterized by some noise and low levels of dust. However, MCDOT will do its best to keep the site in good housekeeping order.

We apologize in advance for any unavoidable inconvenience this project may cause and appreciate your cooperation. We are confident that users and business owners of this area will welcome the improvements.

### CONCRETE REPAIR PROCESS



Defective concrete is removed



Forms are set



New concrete is poured into forms



Concrete is smoothed and finished



Completed sidewalk repair

### IMPORTANT! Lawn Sprinkler Systems and Invisible Dog Fences

If your home has either a buried lawn sprinkler system or invisible-type dog fence installed, **please make sure that the system does not extend into the county right-of-way.** If it does, please mark the locations of buried pipe or wire so that our equipment can attempt to avoid it. However, **such systems are not permitted by the County Code** to be located in the right-of-way and **neither the County nor its contractors are responsible for any damage to any systems located there.** If you do not know the locations, look in your phone book under UTILITIES, UNDERGROUND CABLE, PIPE & WIRE LOCATING SERVICE.



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# NOTICE OF AIRPARK CONCRETE REPAIR PROJECT IN GAITHERSBURG

### SAFETY NOTICE

Please remember that while repair work is proceeding, construction personnel and construction equipment will be busy moving around throughout the neighborhood. Additionally, some materials may be stored in the area. Please drive gently and use caution when walking or driving through the construction zone for the safety of all involved in the work. Also, please be advised that children may be attracted to the noise and the machinery itself, so please keep all children under close supervision at all times, even after work is completed for the day. Also, please follow the direction of flaggers and temporary signs and traffic control devices. We appreciate your patience and cooperation while we make these much needed improvements to the infrastructure. *If, for some reason, you have a medical condition that could be potentially impacted by the construction activities, please alert the Project Manager listed below or Josh Faust, Public Outreach Manager, at 240-777-7642.*

### IMPORTANT MCDOT CONTACTS

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Should your questions be of a more general nature please contact the MC311 Call Center by dialing 311 or 240-777-0311.

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